



APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CUTTING IMPLEMENT INCLUDING FLOW DIVERTER BAFFLE

the specification (including at least one claim) and drawing(s) (if any) of which were filed on 9 July 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/902,077.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with § 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I do not know and do not believe that this invention (i) was ever known or used in the United States before my invention thereof, or (ii) was patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or (iii) was patented or described in any printed publication more than one year prior to the present application, or (iv) was in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the present application, or (v) has been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the present application in any foreign country on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the present application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under § 119 and/or § 365 of Title 35 of the United States Code of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Country/ International	Application Number	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes or No)
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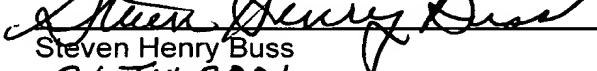
I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the present application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with all foreign and international applications directed to the invention:

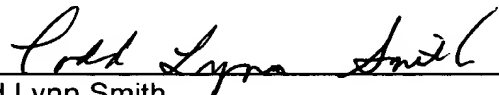
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Filing of Declaration

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Responsive to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted", dated 27 August 2001, enclosed is the executed Declaration for the above-identified case.

Please charge \$130.00 against Deposit Account 04-0525 for the filing of the Declaration. Any additional fees or charges due under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 as a result of filing the present papers may also be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

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Respectfully,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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